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1. On 2 April 1949 a new Czechoslovak security unit was created as the result of a secret meeting held by General SVOBODA (Minister of National Defense), Colonel RELICIN (new assistant Minister of National Defense for personnel matters), Colonel PAPOV (not further identified), Rudolf SLANSKY (representing the Security Committee of the National Assembly), and Colonel SVEICINA (believed to be a Russian officer). Before the meeting began, Colonel RELICIN reportedly had the chamber searched for hidden microphones or listening devices.
2. The task of the new military security corps which resulted from this meeting will be to maintain order and exercise security surveillance within the Czechoslovak Army. It will allegedly take precedence over all other security formations in time of war. A security unit will be attached to every army formation down to and including the battalion. * Colonel SVEICINA will be the chief of the new organization.
3. Candidates for the military security corps will be carefully screened. All personnel must have been members of the Communist Party at least as early as 1945. Candidates will be trained at new schools which are to be ready to receive them by the end of July 1949. Training will include the use of small arms, the driving and maintenance of motor vehicles, the fundamentals of jujitsu, the drafting of protocols, and the practice of interrogation.

* Comment: The formation would appear to be similar to that of OBZ units.

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